

Application for Mission Grant

For such a time as this, the congregations and leadership of Lehigh Presbytery will partner to challenge and resource each other, so that we may boldly risk our comfort for the sake of the Gospel of Christ.

The Mission Grant Team will receive grant applications, evaluate requests, and make recommendations to Presbytery Vision and Administrative Boards for funding as appropriate. Based on the Presbytery's Statement of Purpose (above), successful grants will focus on creative experimentation, innovation, adaptive change, risk taking for the sake of the gospel, and/or empowering leaders for innovative leadership.

Section 1: Eligible Projects: Applications will be considered for funding in the following categories:

Leadership Development—includes endeavors that educate and empower congregational leaders for the 21st century church

Community Outreach—includes technology upgrades and other projects that facilitate connections with people outside the walls of the church building

Innovative, experimental, risk-taking—includes creative, “out of the box” ideas that effectively move congregations into a new way of being the church

In general, the presbytery will not grant requests to fund personnel expenses or capital projects.

Section 2: Evaluation of Projects: In consideration of each funding request, the Mission Grant Team will ask the following questions:

- Has the applicant identified clearly stated goals and measurable, realistic, and time-sensitive objectives?
- Has the applicant identified measurable outcomes that will enhance the mission of the Presbytery and the applicant congregation?
- Is the project's timeline practical and feasible?
- Are there opportunities for partnering with interfaith, ecumenical, or other Presbyterian congregations?
- Are there other sources of funding for the project? Can the project proceed without presbytery funding? What percentage of the project will the presbytery be funding?
- Is the suggested project duplicative of other projects in the congregation's vicinity?
- Are there opportunities for replicating the project if it is successful?
- Has the applicant asked for funds for this project in the past? Was a grant awarded? If it was funded, why is additional funding needed? If it was denied, have the concerns that led to the denial of funds been addressed?

Section 3: Reporting: Within one year after funds are received, applicants must provide reports on progress toward the achievement of measurable goals and provide detailed reports of expenditures to date. Failure to report will cause applicants to be ineligible for additional mission grant funds.

Section 4: Lehigh Presbytery – Mission Grant Application

Please complete the form below:

Date Submitted: _____

Name of Church (es), group, pastors' forum, etc. that is applying for funds:

Contact person who can answer questions about this request:

_____ phone _____

email: _____

With guidance from Section 1, Eligibility and Section 2, Evaluation of Projects, please **provide a brief description of the ministry project** for which this request is being made.

Amount requested _____

Check Payable to: _____

Address to be mailed to: _____

Time period (when you need the money) _____

Please provide a summary budget (showing total cost of project, contributions from applicant churches, income from outside sources, and amount requested from Lehigh Presbytery)

For Mission Grant Team use: APPROVED – Date _____	Authorization
Initials _____	
Account # _____ Account Name _____	AMOUNT \$ _____